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Dear Bob:

I am not sure of my status with respect to your organization. In other words, I don't know whether I am now considered a consultant or not. This I think you can find out. I have a feeling that I may be but I am certainly not sure.

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I have thought over the problem which you and Paul threw at me the other day with respect to ground markings. After talking to Paul I have a little better understanding of the circumstances which surround such a problem. I should like to suggest again that we investigate the use of flares such as the railroad type as to their spectral characteristics, investigate the possible use of filters for the region in which these flares work, consider how such a device could be put together in the simplest possible way, and indicate approximately the visibility one might expect from such a flare under reasonable atmospheric conditions.

I will proceed to obtain such flares, run off their spectral characteristics and, in addition, will try to find the present status of filters of a shape available and capable of removing as much of the visible light as possible. I shall want to get information, and on this you can help, on the present status of metascopes so that the metascope problem can be correlated with the output of light in the spectral regions of these flares.

This is suggested as a program. I will proceed to make a few of the simple measurements and, if you wish me to proceed further, then I would like to clarify such items as the following:

1. How best this should be handled contract wise.

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	do this under a if so, would yo	f action and cover it may be a guise other than ou agree to giving such you knew that I was in	and, a job to another	STAT	
	est regards. Let me ible.	e know the answers to t	the above as soon as		
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P.S.	P.S. I hope you are a father by now.				
P.S.	I will get togeth	her with Bruce and see egarding the transistor	what I can come up with development.		
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